Service Ribbons of the Armed Forces

Since actual decorations and medals are worn only on dress occasions, strips of duplicate ribbon as attached to the original emblem are worn at other times to show that the wearer has received such recognition. These ribbons illustrated here are divided into three groups, and in each the most

frequently seen ribbons have been highlighted for quick identification.

Army Ribbons









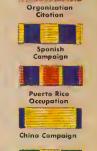






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Navy Ribbons













Distinguished Flying Cross

European-Africa-Middle East Theate



Combined service ribbons



Marine Corps

Navy Expeditions



Gold Life Saving

Asiatic Pacific



Navy and Marine Corps Medal

Presidential Unit

























Legion of Merit

Civil War

Sampson Medal

Mexican Service







American Theoter







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and to explain their significance.

decorations, and ribbons. It is the purpose of this folder to show them Today, wartime America has a well-developed system of medals, ensuing events came new rank-and-file medals for wars and campaigns. American military decotation. With the Spanish American War and established the Medal of Honor, which for some 40 years was the only awarded, but no medal was struck until 1905. In 1861 the United States Washington's birth. In 1847, the Certificate of Merit was conceived and

The Purple Heart soon fell into disuse, not to be revived in its present form until 1932, on the 200th anniversary of on his facings, over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk". This was the original Purple Heart. in his soldiers.... whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall he permitted to wear service. It was for him to emphasize the democratic note in his order by recording "to cherish a virtuous ambition It was also George Washington who instituted in 1782 the first American decoration for individual meritorious from Boston in 1776. This medal is dramatically shown on the front page of this folder.

George Washington received the first medal from our government to commemorate the evacuation of the British "... roldier and soldier..."

Dunbar and in 1816 the British returned to the precedent with the Waterloo Medal for "every officer, non-commismedals were awarded to officers and men alike following the Battle of

commemorate Britain's victory in the war with Spain. Again in 1650 In 1588, Queen Elizabeth had three medals struck and issued to own reward, for they rately got their recipients into history books.

then until the time of Good Queen Bess medals must have been their commanders medals that appear to have been the first on record. From An Emperor of China, in the First Century, A. D., gave his military

A Brief History of Medals



Combined



For those in the armed service who have distin



DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS Awarded for hero ism or extraord



the enemy necess

tating treatment by a medical officer.

LIFE-SAVING MEDAL-GOLD For endangering their lives in sav-

ing or endeavor-ing to save lives from the perils of the sea.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Given merchan

seamen display-ing outstand-ing conduct in World War II.

MEDAL FOR MERIT

to civilians who

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Good Conduct Medals



Presented to enlisted men of a period

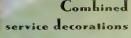








GOLD STAR











CLUSTER second award of the same decoration; is to be worn on

Army Decorations

Awarded 1 Congress for gallantly risk ing life beyond

is the nation's

the Medal

Honor or th



Decorations of the Armed Forces

These emblems of recognition are called "decorations" since they are most

frequently bestowed in recognition of some signal act of personal heroism

and differ from "medals" in that they do not commemorate a particular

event. They are divided into three groups for easy identification in the

(1) Army, (2) Navy and (3) Combined service decorations, the latter com-

posed of emblems which may be issued to any

member of the armed forces.

MEDAL For heroism not enemy. This is mainly a peace-

SERVICE CROSS

For extraordina ry military hero-ism in opera-tions against an armed enemy.





For excentional service in some duty of great responsibility.

Navy Decorations







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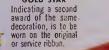
























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Campaign Medals of the Armed Forces of the United States of America

Army Campaign Medals



CIVIL WAR

INDIAN CAMPAIGN To all those who participated in



PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN For combat ser-vice in the Phil-

PHILIPPINE CONGRESSIONAL For special Philippine service



SPANISH CAMPAIGN

CHINA CAMPAIGN

Men in interna-



To Army of Oc-

cupation after the Spanish



CUBAN PACIFICATION For all serving in the Cuban oc-





Ribbons are available and Medals are planned but not yet designed ASIATIC-PACIFIC

THEATER

Area between Russian 60° me-ridian on west,

and east across Alaska.

Combined service

campaign medals

EUROPE-AFRICA

MIDDLE EAST THEATER Greenland to west

and part of Russia bounded on east by 60°, including Africa and Iran.

AMERICAN THEATER

The American continent and

waters, except U. S., Alaska, Greenland.

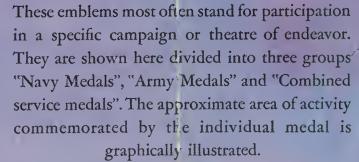


All service dur-ing 1917 1918, and in Russia, and Siberia, dur-ing 1919-1920.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY For occupation service from the Armistice to July 11, 1923.

ASIATIC-PACIFIC

For 12-month ervice; any part between Sept. b, 1939, and Dec. 7, 1941.





Navy Campaign Medals



MANILA BAY To all in Navy and Marine Corps in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. Awarded to all in Asiatic Squadron under Commo-



SPANISH CAMPAIGN To all serving between April 20, 1898, and Oec. 10, 1898.





PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN At Peking dur-ing Boxer Re-bellion between April 5,1900, and May 27, 1901. given dates on



To all serving in tasks of reorgan-ization between 1906 1909.



21 MEXICAN SERVICE For various ser-vices and en-

HAITIAN CAMPAIGN To all serving in Haiti between July 9 and De-cember 6, 1915.



23 SANTO DOMINGO CAMPAIGN To all serving between May 5 and December 4, 1916.



2nd HAITIAN CAMPAIGN To those serv-



25 2nd NICARAGUAN CAMPAIGN To all serving



YANGTZE SERVICE Between Sept. 3,1926 and Oct. 21,1927, March 1, 1930 and Dec. 31, 1932.

NAVAL RESERVE Reserve mem-bers for ten years consecu-tive service.



MARINE RESERVE Issued to Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, for 10 years consecu-tive service.



NAVY EXPEDITIONARY For specific campaigns not covered by other medals from 1874 to 1937.



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